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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED NEW APPOINTMENT WITH MOHAMED ABERKANE, CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPE AFFAIRS AT GOA FOREIGN MINISTRY, PER REFTEL A. ABERKANE SAID HE HAD GIVEN PREVIOUS MATERIAL ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS, REFTEL B, TO PRESIDENCY AND WOULD ALSO GIVE COPY TO MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA WHO WAS EXPECTED BACK SHORTLY FROM GULF STATES. ABERKANE MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENCY, BUT SAID HE WAS PRESSING FOR ANSWER AND WOULD USE NEW MATERIAL TOWARD THIS END.

2. CHARGE AND ECON OFFICER WENT OVER MATERIAL IN
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KISSINGER'S OECD SPEECH PER REFTEL A IN DETAIL

EMPHASIZING THAT USG WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE PREPCON WITHIN NEXT MONTH. ABERKANE TOOK FULL NOTES BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON ALGERIAN POLICY. HE DID EMPHASIZE GOA DESIRE FOR DIALOGUE AND USEFULNESS OF UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VISIT TO ALGIERS. HE SAID ROBINSON'S VISIT WAS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT STEP BY GOA AND HAD ASSISTED USEFUL BILATERAL CONTACTS IN PARIS AT LAST PREPCON. ABERKANE GAVE US IMPRESSION THAT HE BELIEVES PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE WILL BE PROPOSAL FOR NEW BILATERAL CONTACTS BETWEEN ALGERIA AND US.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT ARTICLES APPEARING IN LE MONDE OF MAY 29 AND MAY 30 CITE ALGERIAN SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS NOT PROPOSED ANYTHING NEW AND THAT ALGIERS IS ASTONISHED BY THE FRENCH WELCOME OF THE KISSINGER PROPOSITIONS. HOWEVER, ALGIERS DAILY PRESS, AS DISTINCT FROM ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE, HAS NOT MENTIONED AS OF JUNE 3 KISSINGER PROPOSALS FOR RECONVENING THE PREPCON. ON MAY 31 EL MOUDJAHID PUBLISHED BITING EDITORIAL ON THE FALLACIES OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC POLICY, INCLUDING SOME OF THE PROPOSALS SET FORTH BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE IEA AND OECD. THIS EDITORIAL IS PRIMARILY ATTACK ON US EFFORTS TO OPPOSE OIL PRICE INCREASE AND OUR REFUSAL TO CONSIDER PRICE INDEXING.

4. AFTER ABOVE ARTICLES WERE CITED TO ABERKANE, HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WAS NOT YET GOA POSITION ON KISSINGER PROPOSALS AND STRESSED THAT NEITHER EL MOUDJAHID NOR ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE ARTICLES SHOULD BE READ AS STATEMENTS OF GOA POSITION. WHEN ALGERIAN RESPONSE READY, HE SAID, WE WOULD RECEIVE IT DIRECTLY. LYNE

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